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## PRICE SUPPORT

CCC reports investment of \$1,730,681,000 in price support loans and inventories as of March 31, 1952. Net loss in the first nine months of the fiscal year, July-March, was \$46,371,000. Of the total investment, loans outstanding were \$689,209,000, and inventories acquired under loan, purchase agreement and direct purchase activities amounted to \$1,041,472,000.

Price support operations in wheat, tobacco, corn and cotton accounted for most of the loan total. Major inventory holdings were corn, 366 million bushels; wheat, 95 million bushels; linseed oil, 212 million pounds; dry edible beans, 3.8 million hundredweight; and peanuts, 255 million pounds.

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INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS ROSE 2 POINTS (2/3 OF 1 PERCENT) TO 290 PERCENT OF THE 1910-14 AVERAGE DURING THE MONTH ENDED APRIL 15, BAE REPORTS. DURING THE SAME PERIOD THE INDEX OF PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR PRODUCTS NEEDED FOR PRODUCTION AND LIVING, INCLUDING INTEREST, TAXES, AND WAGES, ROSE ONE POINT (1/3 OF ONE PERCENT), TO 289 -- A NEW HIGH. THE PARITY RATIO STANDS AT 100.

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## FRUITS

Effective June 2, U.S. standards for grades of frozen apples will include a new basis for determining amount of carpel tissue permitted, a slight change in color requirement and, a new definition for sizing frozen apples. The revised standards supercede ones in effect since August 1, 1945.

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## FATS, OILS, OILSEEDS

Soybean stocks in all positions April 1 totaled 129.6 million bushels -- 13 million less than stocks of April 1, 1951, but second highest April 1 stocks on record. About 60 million bushels were on farms.

Flaxseed stocks, all positions April 1 amounted to 20,338,000 bushels -- smallest in four years -- 6.6 million bushels below April 1, 1951 and about 2/3 of the stocks of April 1, 1950. Farm stocks accounted for 8,886,000 bushels.

USDA reported May 1 the sale of 1,980,000 pounds of peanuts for edible use, and 10,970,898 pounds for crushing. Department is offering for sale about 15,595,400 pounds of linseed oil stored at Good Hope, La., at market prices.

World flaxseed production in 1951 estimated at 124.2 million bushels -- smallest since 1946. 1951 world soybean crop at 658.9 million bushels -- 7.5 million below the record 1950 crop.

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## FARM INCOME

Cash receipts from farm marketings in the first four months of 1952 tentatively estimated by BAE at \$8.7 billion -- 3 percent above the same 1951 period. Prices paid by farmers for production items averaged 5 percent higher in 1952. Net farm income in 1952 expected about the same or somewhat smaller than the \$14.9 billion they realized in 1951, but the purchasing power of this year's net farm income may be 3 to 5 percent lower than last year, and lower than any previous ten years, except 1950.

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SUGAR DISTRIBUTION BY PRIMARY DISTRIBUTORS IN THE CONTINENTAL U.S. DURING THE WEEK ENDED APRIL 26, 1952, AMOUNTED TO 122,549 TONS, RAW VALUE. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION BY THESE OUTLETS SINCE JANUARY 1 AMOUNTS TO 2,461,971 TONS COMPARED WITH 2,232,961 TONS IN THE SAME 1951 PERIOD.

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## DAIRY

March production of nonfat dry milk solids -- 67.9 million pounds -- was the third highest March output on record, and 24 percent above March 1951. January-March production -- 163.5 million pounds -- 17 percent above same period a year ago. Dry whole milk output in March, 9 million pounds, was the lowest for March since 1942, and 40 percent under March 1951.

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#### MEAT AND LIVESTOCK

Following most recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Saskatchewan, Canada, about 50 miles from the U.S. border, USDA has tripled the number of quarantine enforcement inspectors along the boundary of Montana and North Dakota.

The Department, working with state livestock sanitary officials, has completed observations of animals brought into the U.S. from Canada during the period just prior to outbreak of the disease. Over 5,500 head of cattle and nearly 250 swine and sheep have been located at 68 points in the U.S.. Inspection by veterinarians have revealed no evidence of infection.

SHORN WOOL PRICES WILL BE SUPPORTED BY USDA DURING 1952 MARKETING YEAR AT PRICES REFLECTING A NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 54.2 CENTS PER POUND, GREASE BASIS -- 90 PERCENT OF PARITY.

Meat production in all commercial plants in the U.S. in March is estimated at 1,715 million pounds -- 3 percent below February, but 6 percent above output of March, 1951. Commercial meat production for the January-March quarter was 8 percent greater than the same 1951 period.

Output of federally inspected meat in week ended May 3 was 314 million pounds -- 3 percent above previous week and the same week a year ago.

USDA purchased an additional 8.2 million pounds of smoked skinned hams, 4.5 million pounds of picnics, and 960,000 pounds of bacon last week. Total purchases to date under the program, 24.6 million pounds of smoked pork products, will be distributed to school lunch programs next fall.

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#### CONTAINERS AND PACKAGING

Supply favorable. Tin can inventories July 1 estimated at 1,336,000 tons, or 440,000 tons more than on January 1. Import prospects for tin have improved recently and the supply of light gauge steel sheet have improved considerably, Washington reports.

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#### GRAIN

USDA reports that 23,552,287 bushels of 1951 crop corn were put under price support through March 31, 1952, compared with 47,877,512 bushels of 1950 crop in the same period a year earlier.

Stocks of Canadian grain in all positions March 31 were well above a year earlier and the 10-year (1941-50) average. Wheat stocks at 466 million bushels compared with 352 million a year earlier and the ten-year average of 421 million bushels.

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RETAIL COST OF THE FARM FOODS IN THE MARKET BASKET IN MID-MARCH WAS UNCHANGED FROM \$724 REPORTED FOR THE MARCH 1951 BASKET. NET FARM VALUE OF THE FOODS DECLINED \$13 TO \$354 IN THE YEAR. MARKETING CHARGES ROSE \$15 TO \$372. (MARKET BASKET CONTAINS QUANTITY OF FARM FOOD PRODUCTS EQUAL TO THE 1935-39 AVERAGE ANNUAL PURCHASES PER FAMILY OF THREE AVERAGE CONSUMERS.) FARMERS RECEIVED 49 CENTS OF EACH DOLLAR CONSUMERS SPENT FOR FARM FOODS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH THIS YEAR.

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#### PESTICIDES

Current outlook for supplies in 1952 is very good -- barring unusual infestations, USDA reports. Lag in ordering may result in some spot shortages. Pesticides containing sulphur will be relatively short, but adequate if properly distributed. Those containing copper will probably be relatively scarce. Weed killers will be plentiful.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

May 14, 1952

## GRAINS

The 1952 U.S. wheat crop -- basis May 1 conditions -- estimated at 1,293.5 million bushels. Includes 986.5 million bushel winter wheat crop and 307 million bushels spring wheat. July 1 carryover from 1951 crop predicted at 270 million bushels, and imports of feeding quality wheat from Canada estimated at 40 million. Total 1952-53 year supply, based on above estimates, would be 1,603.5 million bushels -- largest of record, and exceeding 1,601.2 million bushels of 1942 and 1943 marketing years.

A 1952 rye crop of only 17.8 million bushels, based on May 1 acreage and conditions, is smallest since drouth year 1934. Yield per acre prospects above average, but acreage -- 1,381,000 -- is smallest of record. Expected crop compares with 1941-50 average of 28.1 million bushels, and 1951 crop of 21.4 million bushels.

IWA SALES IN THE PERIOD APRIL 23-29, CONFIRMED BY CCC, TOTALLED 895,000 BUSHEL OF WHEAT (INCLUDING 197,425 CWT. FLOUR).  
CUMULATIVE SALES UNDER 1951-52 QUOTAS - 253,064,000 BUSHEL -  
LEAVE UNFILLED QUOTAS APRIL 29 AT 2,085,000 BUSHEL.

CCC offering for sale during May rough rice acquired under 1951 crop price support in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi. Will be sold by New Orleans Commodity Office.

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## COTTON

F. Marion Rhodes has been appointed Director of PMA's Cotton Branch, succeeding C.D. Walker, who resigned. Mr. Rhodes was Director of PMA's Office of Requirements and Allocations. Deputy Director Richard H. Roberts appointed Acting Director of this office.

Through May 8, 1952 producers placed 1,019,381 bales 1951 crop cotton under price support, and loans on 90,127 bales were in process. Of total placed under loan, farmers had made repayments on 649,692 bales.

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## DAIRY

USDA has approved changes relating to settlement fund obligations and in cheese prices used in one basic price formula in Fort Wayne, Indiana milk marketing order. Milk price changes and other revisions in Milwaukee, Wisconsin milk order will be considered at hearing in Milwaukee, May 14.

Milk production on U. S. farms during April was 10,129 million pounds - 7 percent above March, but 1 percent below April, 1951. This was the lowest April output, except 1948, of the past decade. January-April production totals 35,971 million pounds, compared with 36,193 million in same 1951 period, and 36,344 million -- the 1941-50 April average.

Production of malted milk powder in U. S. in 1951 totalled 33,391,000 pounds, largest since 1947, and the sixth highest in 33 years of record.

CCC now offering for sale 19 lots of dry skim milk for animal feed. Stored in midwest warehouses, first offers will be considered May 15, subject to terms of DA-79. Lots total 765,833 pounds. Offers accepted daily up to 11:00 a.m. EDST. Address bids to Dairy Branch, PMA, USDA, Washington 25, D. C.

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RECENT ICC RATE DECISION, WHICH CANCELS OUT THE AUGUST 2, 1951 RATE INCREASES, AUTHORIZES RAILROADS TO INCREASE BASIC FREIGHT RATES AND CHARGES BY 15 PERCENT, SUBJECT TO VARIOUS MAXIMUMS ON CERTAIN COMMODITIES. NO INCREASES FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING LIVESTOCK NOR FOR DEMURRAGE CHARGES. FOR AGRICULTURE, COMBINED INCREASES OVER BASIC FREIGHT RATES IN EFFECT JUNE, 1946, NOW AMOUNT TO 68 PERCENT.

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## MEAT

Federally inspected meat production, week ended May 10, estimated at 293 million pounds - 7 percent below preceding week, but 3 percent above same week year ago. Slaughter was down in all classes except cattle. Hog kill down 13 percent from preceding week and 8 percent under the 1951 week.

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## FARM EMPLOYMENT

Farm employment in late April had followed usual seasonal increase, and was up almost 15 percent over March, but was 3 percent below year earlier. Farm employment has been decreasing, allowing for seasonal differences, for past three years.

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## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Potatoes -- Producers sold 70 percent of 1951 potato crop of 325 million bushels before January 1, 1952 at prices ranging from 60 to 90 percent of parity. Producers and local handlers held less than 30 percent of the crop as prices worked up over 100 percent of parity. Sales by these outlets in January and February amounted to 50 million bushels and most of 1951 crop was out of the hands of producers as prices rose to 134 percent of parity in mid-April. BAE preliminary estimate of average price received by producers of the 1951 crop is \$1.61 a bushel.

USDA on May 9 announced proposed amendments to U. S. standards for Winter Pears adding Howell and Flemish Beauty to winter varieties. Department has extended until June 2 the time in which interested parties may submit views on proposed revision of U. S. standards for table grapes.

FIRST U.S. STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF FROZEN LEAFY GREENS (OTHER THAN SPINACH) WERE ISSUED BY USDA ON MAY 9, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JUNE 12. EIGHT GREENS INCLUDED. THEIR USE VOLUNTARY BY TRADE.

Portable mechanical lift for high-piling and breaking out high-piled boxes of apples in storage, has been developed by the Washington State Apple Commission under research contract with USDA. Operates hydraulically from an electric motor powered by a storage battery. Now in commercial production, cost currently is about \$600, plus battery. Tests indicate big savings in piling and breaking out costs.

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## POULTRY

Purchase of 6,600 cases of shell eggs under the surplus removal program, was announced May 9, by USDA. Eggs will be distributed to non-profit school lunch and other eligible outlets this fall. Offers will continue to be considered on May 13, 20, and 27.

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April egg production estimated at 6.2 billion - 3 percent above April 1951, but 2 percent below 1941-50 April average. January-April output totals almost 23.8 billion, compared with 22.5 billion for the same 1951 period, and ten year average, 1941-50, of 21.4 billion.

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Average number of layers on farms in April was 344.2 million, 2 percent above 1951, but 4 percent below average. April rate of production per layer was 18 eggs compared with the previous average of 17.6 eggs. Chicks and young chickens from the 1952 hatch on farms May 1 are estimated at 385.5 million, 5 percent below a year ago, and 9 percent below average.

USDA holdings of dried whole eggs on April 25 amounted to 5,319,820 pounds, stored in 23 warehouses.

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USDA IS OFFERING FOR SALE THROUGH THE NEW ORLEANS PMA COMMODITY OFFICE ABOUT 6,263,104 POUNDS OF REFINED COTTONSEED OIL AT PRICES ANNOUNCED FOR MAY AND IS INVITING BIDS ON ABOUT 337,700 OF CRUDE COTTONSEED OIL, TO BE RECEIVED AT NEW ORLEANS OFFICE BY 4:45 p.m. CST, MAY 13. SALE OF 1,023,740 POUNDS OF PEANUTS FOR CRUSHING WAS ANNOUNCED MAY 8.

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## SUGAR

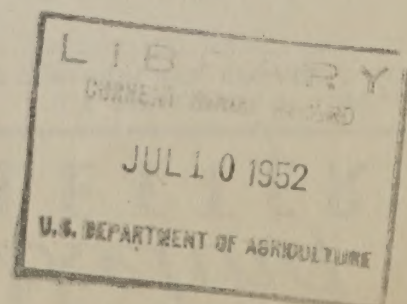
Distribution by primary distributors in continental U. S. week ended May 3, totalled 176,824 tons, raw value, compared with 123,541 tons in preceding week. Distribution by these outlets since January 1 amounts to 2,684,022 tons compared with 2,383,266 tons for the same 1951 period.

Stocks of refined sugar in hands of U. S. refiners on March 31 amounted to 187,677 tons - beet processors, 839,619 tons.

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May 20, 1952

## JUNE - PLENTIFUL FOODS

Broilers and fryers, eggs, and oranges -- all in bountiful supply -- lead the list of foods which PMA states will be plentiful in the midwest during June.

Broiler and fryer production has been running ahead of 1951 when output was 792 million -- a 1,000 percent increase since 1939. Egg supplies are 2 to 4 percent above last year and Valencia orange crop in California, Florida, and Arizona -- estimated at 61,400,000 boxes -- is 17 percent over the 10 year average.

Other foods on the midwest plentiful list next month are: dairy products, lettuce, turkeys, fish, early summer vegetables, canned and frozen orange juice, grapefruit juice and segments, canned peas, dry beans (pea and baby lima), salad oils, table and cooking fats.

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USDA WILL BUY PRESCRIBED QUANTITIES OF COTTONSEED OIL, COTTONSEED CAKE OR MEAL AND COTTON LINTERS FOR EACH TON OF COTTONSEED BOUGHT BY CRUSHERS, AS MEANS OF CARRYING OUT 1952 PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR COTTONSEED. CRUSHERS MUST PAY GROWERS NOT LESS THAN \$66.40 PER TON FOR SEED.

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## POULTRY

April commercial chick hatchery production was 296,729,000 -- 6 percent below April 1951 and 2 percent below 1946-50 April average. Placement in 11 principal broiler areas was 1 percent below year ago, and hatch for farm flock replacement down 8 percent. Eggs in incubators May 1 were 15 percent less than May 1, '51.

April hatch of turkey poults was 12 percent above year ago and eggs in incubators May 1 -- 10 percent more than May 1, '51.

All remaining stocks dried whole eggs acquired under 1950 price support -- 5,200,000 lbs., are offered for sale by USDA to exporters on an offer-and-acceptance basis. Sales f.o.b. midwest locations. Offers received not later than June 13 - with acceptance by June 18.

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## LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

Seasonally rising prices are in prospect during next few months for all meat animals, except higher grades of cattle which are expected to decline as marketings reach peak. Pork production for rest of this year will fall below a year ago, while beef, lamb, and mutton output will be higher, BAE predicts.

Hog marketings dropped last week of April and so far in May. Prices have spiraled in past three weeks from \$4 to \$5.35 per cwt. -- biggest increase in comparable period since price controls were removed in October, '46. Closing top last week in Chicago \$22.85, was only \$1 below the high of last summer, and \$1.25 less than the '51 high in February.

Farmers marketed their big '51 spring pig crop at prices ranging from \$19 down to \$15 per cwt.

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USDA WILL SELL PINTO BEANS FROM 1949 CROP FOR EXPORT DURING MAY. THIS ITEM ADDED TO LIST OF COMMODITIES PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED AS AVAILABLE FROM CCC.

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## DAIRY

Production of American cheese, week ended May 8, estimated at 20.7 million lbs. -- up 1.6 million lbs. from preceding week. Total '52 production through May 8, 245.8 million lbs. compared with 265.3 in the same '51 period, and a 1946-50 average of 270.8.

USDA has recommended an increase in milk price differentials for Class I (chiefly bottled milk products), and Class II (chiefly cream products), and a revision in the adjustment for trends affecting supply and demand for milk in the Chicago federal milk marketing order. Interested persons have until June 2 to submit views on these changes.

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## MEAT

Production under federal inspection week ended May 17 -- 285 million lbs. 3 percent below preceding week and the same week in '51. Slaughter all species down, except sheep and lambs, with hog kill 10 percent under last year.

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Cold Storage Holdings April 30, 1952 and Changes

Cooler Commodities	Holdings April 30	Net Change during Apr.	Freezer Commodities	Holdings Apr. 30	Net Change during April
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.		1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Apples	138,720	- 148,464	Fruits	190,802	- 44,851
Pears	2,800	- 4,200	Vegetables	311,643	- 36,380
Dried & ev.fts.	54,246	+ 1,708	Cream	8,301	+ 4,204
Can'd.ft. & veg.	3,187	- 311	Cream'y butter	10,182	+ 3,677
Nuts & nutmeats	118,806	+ 4,960	Eggs	112,125	+ 27,830
Cheese	158,913	+ 3,718	Poultry	195,100	- 37,732
Shell eggs	98,325	+ 26,505	Beef	231,173	- 15,251
Dried eggs	14,003	- 822	Pork	635,401	+ 25,880
Beef	9,490	+ 362	Sausage	7,598	- 549
Pork	188,257	- 24,228	Lamb & mutton	12,819	- 2,077
Sausage	10,064	+ 165	Veal	11,558	- 327
Canned meats	54,515	+ 4,860	Edible offal	69,397	- 912
Lard & pork fat	88,786	+ 17,983	Other	420,136	+ 48,370
Other	270,744	- 47,447			
Total	1,210,856	- 165,211	Total	2,216,235	- 28,118

Frozen pork holdings April 30 - 582 million lbs. - greatest ever reported in store. Beef - 241 million lbs, compared with 111 million a year earlier, and largest April 30 stocks since 1944. All meat in store - 1.2 billion lbs., biggest April 30 stocks since 1920. Butter stocks of 10 million lbs. compares with 32 million a year ago, and 1947-51 average of 34 million. Shell eggs - 2.2 million cases, were a fourth greater than average and twice April 30, 1951. Space utilization: coolers - 59 percent; freezers, 76 percent.

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PECAN GROWERS VOTED CONTINUATION OF MARKETING AGREEMENT AND ORDER PROGRAM REGULATING HANDLING OF PECANS GROWN IN FIVE-STATE SOUTHEASTERN PRODUCTION AREA.

USDA HAS INCREASED SALABLE PERCENTAGE OF ALMONDS FOR THE 1951-52 CROP FROM 75 TO 90 PERCENT.

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GRAINS

Drouth and poor crops have greatly reduced Argentina's export potential of food and feed grains. Exports of wheat, rye, oats, and barley in the first four months of that country's marketing year (December-March) aggregated only 357,000 long tons compared with 1,011,000 tons a year earlier.

Unofficial estimates of corn crop range from 103 to 120 million bushels, third consecutive crop failure or near failure. Argentina's corn exports for the 1951-52 season amounted to 19 million bushels compared with a prewar average of about 240 million bushels.

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SUGAR

Sugar distribution by primary distributors in continental U.S. week ended May 10 - 126,926 tons, raw value, compared with 231,991 tons in preceding week. Distribution January 1 through May 10 - 2,808,161 tons compared with 2,615,257 tons in same 1951 period.

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COTTON

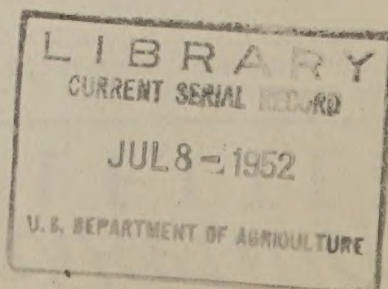
Ginnings for 1951 season indicate U.S. cotton crop of 15,130,000 bales (500 lbs. gross weight)-- about 5 million bales more than 1950 and 3.1 million bales above 10 year average. At season average price 37.9 cents per pound, crop valued at \$2.9 billion, a record.

COTTONSEED PRODUCTION ESTIMATED 6,325,000 TONS -- AVERAGE PRICE OF \$69.30 PER TON - VALUED AT \$439 MILLION. COMBINED VALUE 1952-CROP - \$3.3 BILLION COMPARED WITH \$2.4 BILLION FOR 1950.

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May 27, 1952

## LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

USDA on May 20 announced suspension of the pork purchase program started May 9 to divert temporary burdensome supplies from the market. Total purchases - 26,490,000 lbs. will be distributed to non-profit school lunch programs. Purchases included: skinned hams - 18,540,000 lbs. at 53 to 56.50 cents per lb.; picnics - 4,560,000 lbs. at 39.90 to 41 cents; and bacon - 3,390,000 lbs. at 37.85 to 42.90 cents.

U. S. 1951 meat production totalled 21.9 billion lbs. - 1% below 1950. Of last year's output 72% was processed under federal inspection, 21.3% in other wholesale and retail plants, and 7.7% on farms. All beef production totalled 8,843 million lbs; veal, 1,061 million; lamb and mutton, 522 million; pork 11,483 million lbs.

Slaughter under federal inspection increased 9% and other wholesale and retail slaughter, 11%. Farm slaughter down 2%. Hog kill up 8%. All species but hogs slaughtered at heavier weights than in 1951.

World wool production 1951-52, estimated at 4,070 million lbs.-grease basis- compared with 4,010 million in 1950-51. U.S. wool output in 1952 estimated at 260 million lbs. compared with 250 million last year. Quantity available for export from southern hemisphere countries, particularly Argentine and Uruguay, during the remainder of this season is much larger than at this time last year.

LIVESTOCK BRANCH HAS ESTABLISHED A WOOL APPRAISAL OFFICE AT 623 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE, CHICAGO, TO SERVICE REQUESTS FOR LOANS ON WOOL UNDER THE 1952 PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM. OFFICE WILL SERVE 17 MIDWEST AND SOUTH-CENTRAL STATES. CHARLES HENLEY IS IN CHARGE.

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## FARM EQUIPMENT-MACHINERY-MATERIALS

Farmers' requirements for new machinery for 1953 only slightly higher than this year, but needs for repair parts are climbing at a faster rate, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan reports. No indications yet that farmers are seriously hampered this year by lack of machinery or equipment but rate of manufacture is running 15% below current requirements. Needs for 1953 will be 16% above 1949 purchases - for repair parts, 26% higher.

Supplies of pesticides for 1952 -- adequate--if users obtain stocks early. Outlook for insecticides -- good, except for pyrethrum. Fungicides -- adequate except for sulphur. Herbicides -- adequate.

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## POULTRY

USDA on May 21 bought 44,750 cases of shell eggs under the surplus removal program, to bring total purchases since April 9 to 67,900 cases. Eggs will be distributed this fall to non-profit school lunches and other eligible outlets. Purchase program extended through June. April 9 amendment specified egg deliveries at 22 cities. Department in future will consider deliveries at cities other than those specified in first announcement.

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APRIL PRODUCTION OF TURPENTINE--GUM AND WOOD--WAS 52,890 BARRELS. STOCKS ON HAND APRIL 30 -- 153,330 BARRELS. ROSIN -- GUM AND WOOD -- PRODUCTION IN THE MONTH WAS 146,210 DRUMS. STOCKS AT MONTH'S END -- 652,010 DRUMS..

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## SUGAR

Distribution week ended May 17 by primary distributors in continental U.S. totaled 118,684 tons, raw value, compared with 365,172 tons in the corresponding week in 1951. Total 1952 distribution through May 17 - 2,934,459 tons. Same 1951 period - 2,980,429 tons.

A large and highly flexible market is available for greater quantities of blackstrap molasses in the livestock feed industry, USDA reports after a broad study of the marketing of industrial molasses. Use of molasses for making industrial alcohol has declined sharply in recent years; use in feeding livestock has expanded. Report "Marketing Industrial Molasses" can be obtained from Office of Information Services, PMA, USDA, Washington 25, D.C.

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# FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

USDA is considering revision of U.S. standards for grades of Frozen Whole Kernel Corn - changes in quality requirements and in the color factor. Under consideration too is revision of standards for grades for Canned Cream Style, and Canned Whole Kernel corn to clarify quality requirements, and to incorporate certain provisions of the Federal Food and Drug standards which became effective January 1, 1952.

Beekeepers have two methods to protect income from honey under 1952 price support program -- loans or purchase agreements. White table honeys will be supported by USDA at 12.25¢ per lb. -- amber types at 11.75¢ -- and non-table honeys at 10.25¢. Support limited to extracted honey in five gallon cans or drums. Program carried out through county PMA committees.

Household purchases of oranges and orange juice in March were equivalent to 7,500,000 cases -- 20% greater than March, 1951, PMA-BAE survey reports. Fresh orange sales in two months under comparison were about the same, but purchases of frozen concentrated orange juice were 77% higher and of canned single strength juice -- 38% higher in March this year over a year earlier.

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TO SUPPORT PRICES TO GROWERS, USDA WILL BUY COTTONSEED OIL, CAKE OR MEAL, AND LINTERS FROM CRUSHERS WHO PAY PRODUCERS NO LESS THAN \$66.40 PER TON FOR BASIS GRADE (100) COTTONSEED F.O.B. GIN POINT, WITH SPECIFIED PREMIUMS AND DISCOUNTS FOR OTHER GRADES.

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# GRAINS

The International Wheat Council which opened in mid April in London to consider extension of IWA has adjourned after deciding that some factors affecting the maximum and minimum prices need more study before extending the Agreement. Present Agreement will terminate in 1953. A continuing committee will study the price questions and other matters and report at the regular meeting in July.

Wheat sales under IWA, May 14-20, 506,000 bu., including 30,240 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent. Cumulative 1951-52 quota sales by U.S. now 253,625,000 bu., leaving only 1,524,000 bu. to be filled.

Chicago Commodity Office, PMA, sold these CCC-owned products in period May 16-22: Corn, 1,732,177 bu.; dry edible pea beans, 23,854 cwt.; red clover seed 297 lbs.

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# DAIRY

U.S. creamery butter production, January-April 1952 estimated at 350,435,000 lbs. - compared with 363,820,000 in the same 1951 months and the 1946-50 average for the period - 389,785,000 lbs.

Ice cream production, same period - estimated at 166,920,000 gallons - 8% above 1951 - 2% above 1946-50 average for the period.

Milk market actions: Change in Dubuque, Ia. minimum Class I prices approved by USDA as recommended April 14; Department suspended alternative Class II milk price formula of Quad Cities and Cedar Rapids-Iowa City, Ia. orders, effective June 1 - no change in Class II price levels; Effective June 1, Louisville, Ky. "order will include location and transportation differentials on milk shipped from country plants."

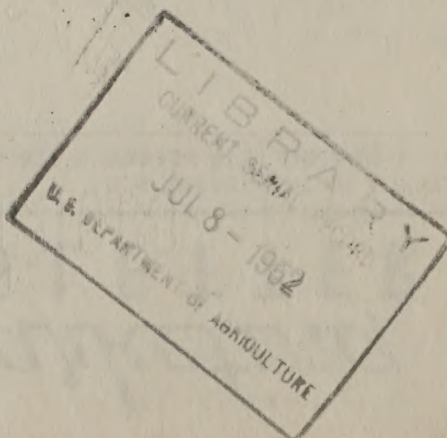
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U. S. grain exports, July 1951 through April 1952 estimated at 571 million bu. compared with 483 million in like 1950-51 period. Ten month exports included 405 million bu. equivalent of wheat and wheat products.

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Federally inspected meat production, week ended May 24, estimated at 275 million pounds - 3% below preceding week and 4% under same 1951 week. Week's output lowest since September 1951. Decline due to drop in cattle and hog slaughter.

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MIDWESTERN AREA - OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES ---U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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June 3, 1952

## SALES OF COMMODITIES

Rough rice and several varieties of dry edible beans have been added to the CCC list of commodities available for domestic sale during June. Flaxseed has been dropped but CCC has about 152,000 bu. of old crop stocks available in scattered odd lots in the Minneapolis area. Inquiries about this flaxseed should be addressed to the PMA Commodity Office, 15 North Eighth Street, Minneapolis.

Commodities available for export sale include dry edible beans, Austrian winter peas, wheat, oats, barley, and cottonseed oil plus the commodities on the domestic sales list.

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## SUGAR

Inventories of sugar in hands of retailers, wholesalers and industrial users March 31, 1952 amounted to 524,702 tons, raw value. January 1 inventories in these hands - 403,835 tons.

Distribution by primary distributors (refiners, beet processors, importers, and mainland cane mills) from January 1 through May 24, 1952 totalled 3,071,654 tons, raw value, compared with 3,222,922 tons in the same 1951 period.

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USDA HAS STOPPED PROCUREMENT FOREIGN EXTRA-LONG STAPLE COTTON  
AT REQUEST OF EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT SERVICE FOR WHICH  
THE DEPARTMENT ACTS AS AGENT.

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## GRAIN

Farmers put 25,011,463 bu. 1951-crop corn under CCC price support through April, 1952 -- 24,335,537 bu. less than 1950-crop corn placed under support through April 1951. All but a million bushels were under farm storage loan.

Stocks of corn, oats, and barley on April 1 were down 16% from a year earlier. Disappearance heavy as farmers fed high moisture grain. Prospective feed supply per animal unit on U. S. farms for the 1952-53 feeding season about the same as for 1951-52 but somewhat smaller than during years 1948-50.

World 1951-52 rough rice crop estimated 337 billion lbs. (third estimate), 1 billion below 1950-51, and same as the 1949-50 crop.

Wheat sales under IWA in the period May 21-27 incl., totalled 165,000 bu. (including 34,922 cwt. flour). Cumulative sales under 1951-52 quotas total 253,790,000 bu. Balance under 1951-52 quotas - 1,359,000 bu.

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## FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Benton Harbor, Michigan fruit and vegetable market news office, maintained by USDA and the Michigan State Department of Agriculture, opened for seasonal operations this week. Office will report prices and receipts of fruits and vegetables moving over the cash market at Benton Harbor and similar information at shipping points in the entire Michigan producing area.

1952 Outlook: Consumption of fresh and processed vegetables expected as high in 1952 as 1951. Little change in the general level of prices from last year is expected.

POTATOES --CURRENT SHORTAGE SHOULD BE EASED THIS WEEK AND BE  
OVER BY MID-JUNE AS THE CALIFORNIA AND CAROLINA CROPS REACH  
MIDWEST MARKETS IN INCREASING VOLUME.

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## FARM FINANCE

Farm-mortgage debt rose in 1951 for sixth consecutive year to total \$6,299,570,000 on January 1, 1952 - 8% higher than a year earlier, but still well below the peak of \$10,785,621,000 in 1923. Value of the mortgageable property January 1952 was much higher than in either 1942 or 1920.

Short term or non-real estate farm debts reached a new high record of about \$7.3 billion on January 1, 1952 - an increase of 18% in year.

Nearly 75% of all U. S. farms are now owner-operated, compared with 58% in 1930.

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## LIVESTOCK AND MEAT

Meat production under federal inspection, week ended May 31, estimated at 258 million lbs. -- 6% below the preceding week and 3% under output of the same week last year. Memorial Day observance reduced production. Hog slaughter continued the seasonal decline, with pork production less while beef and lamb and mutton output continues above a year ago.

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EXPORTS

U.S. exports of agricultural products during March, 1952 valued at \$372 million -- almost 27% of all U.S. exports in March. Same month a year earlier agricultural exports valued at \$332 million -- 26% of all U. S. exports. Of the total March shipments overseas, wheat and wheat flour were valued at \$120 million, cotton at \$92 million, corn \$21 million, and grain sorghums \$20 million.

Compared with March '51--large increases for condensed milk, tallow, lard, oranges, grapefruit, wheat, grain sorghums, milled rice, dry beans, prunes, currents, raisins, and white potatoes. Reductions in dairy products, apples, canned fruits, soybeans and oil, peanuts, leaf tobacco, barley, hops, and dry peas.

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FARMERS' STOCK PEANUTS MILLED TO DATE THIS SEASON (SEPTEMBER THROUGH APRIL) TOTALLED 984 MILLION LBS. -- 25% LESS THAN SAME MONTHS OF 1950-51. SUPPLY OF PEANUTS IN COMMERCIAL POSITIONS APRIL 30 AMOUNTED TO 625 MILLION LBS. -- 3% LESS THAN HOLDINGS A YEAR EARLIER.

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POULTRY

Shell egg purchases May 29 under surplus removal program 10,380 cases -- to bring acquisitions by USDA since April 9 to 78,370 cases. Program will continue through June.

Liquid egg production during April totalled 63,501,000 lbs., compared with 83,670,000 in April last year. April dried egg output was 2,220,000 lbs.; April 1951, 2,790,000 lbs. Frozen egg total for April 54,981,000 lbs., compared with 72,823,000 a year earlier.

Poultry canned or used in canning during April -- 14,943,000 lbs., compared with 16,382,000 in April, 1951, and the 1946-50 April average of 10,004,000 lbs.

Poultry dressed under federal inspection in April totalled 55,944,000 lbs., 21,242,000 more than April 1951. Of total inspected, 41,469,000 lbs. were eviscerated for sale.

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INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS ROSE 3 POINTS (1%) IN THE MONTH ENDED MAY 15 TO 293% OF THE 1910-14 AVERAGE, DUE LARGELY TO A \$3.60 PER CWT. RISE IN HOG PRICES. INDEX OF PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR ITEMS NEEDED FOR PRODUCTION AND LIVING, REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 289% OF 1910-14, AND THE HIGHEST OF RECORD.

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COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

CCC has put into effect new standards and procedures with respect to (1) initial inspection and approval of warehouses storing CCC grain, cotton, oilseeds, dry beans and peas, seed, and processed commodities; (2) an increase in minimum requirements for surety bonds; (3) periodic inspection of warehouses storing CCC-owned commodities.

The new standards revise eligibility requirements. Initial inspection and recommendation for approval of country warehouses, except those operated under the U. S. Warehouse Act, rests with county and state PMA committees, with final approval by PMA Commodity offices. Seven standards of eligibility are established.

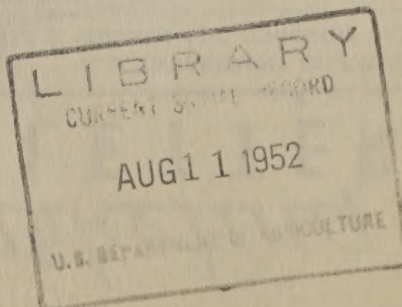
If the warehouseman meets all prescribed standards, bond requirements in contracts range from a minimum of \$5,000 to not more than \$200,000. In some cases not meeting all standards, the minimum may be \$10,000 to not more than \$400,000, unless a larger bond is deemed prudent. Warehouses storing grains, oilseeds, etc. will be inspected at least twice a year -- processed commodities, once each quarter.

For processed commodities, the warehouseman's bond will be 20% of the value of stored commodities, with a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$300,000.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

June 10, 1952

## COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

As of April 30, 1952, CCC reports investment of \$1,609,260,000 in price support loans and inventories. Corporation sustained loss of \$54,075,000 carrying out program during first 10 months of fiscal year ending June 30. Net realized loss of CCC price support program for full fiscal year ended June 30, 1951 was \$345,599,000.

Of total investment, loans outstanding were \$620,419,000 (including \$166,810,000 of commodity loans held by lending agencies), and inventories represented an investment of \$988,841,000.

Price support operations in wheat, tobacco, corn, and cotton accounted for bulk of loan total. Major inventory items were: corn, 355 million bu.; wheat, 84 million bu.; linseed oil, 204 million lbs.; dry edible beans, 3.5 million cwt.; peanuts, 229 million lbs.; and fieldseed, 360 million lbs.

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ALL 1951-CROP COTTON STILL UNDER LOAN ON AUGUST 1 WILL BE POOLED ON THAT DATE BY CCC FOR PRODUCERS' ACCOUNTS. LOANS MATURE JULY 31. ABOUT 1,111,000 BALES HAD BEEN PUT UNDER LOAN THROUGH MAY 29 BUT REDEMPTIONS REDUCED LOANS OUTSTANDING TO 436,000 BALES.

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## GRAIN

June program of commercial and government exports of 1,288,000 long tons of wheat, rye, coarse grains and oilseeds, announced June 6 by USDA. Total includes 939,000 tons of breadgrains and balance in coarse grains and oilseeds. Department also scheduled preliminary programs for July of 672,000 tons, and August-1,168,000 tons of grains and oilseeds.

Sales of wheat under IWA, week ended June 3, totaled 134,000 bu., (50,544 cwt. flour wheat equ. included). Balance of 1951-52 quotas remaining - 1,225,000 out of 255,149,000 bu.

USDA on June 5 announced contemplated arrangements for opening of 1952-53 IWA quotas. Opening of the quotas and other announcements will be coordinated with similar announcements by Canadian Wheat Board.

Stocks of dry beans and peas May 1: Commercial, 7.8 million bags (100 lbs.) cleaned basis, and 653,000 bags, uncleaned basis, on farms. Commercial stocks were 1 million bags less than a year earlier, farm stocks down about 1/2 million bags.

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## POULTRY

USDA shell egg purchases June 4, under surplus removal program, amounted to 22,052 cases, to bring acquisitions since April 9 to 100,422 cases. Further offers will be considered June 10-17-and 24. Eggs purchased in June must be in storage before July 1.

Minor revisions in U. S. consumer and wholesale grades and weight classes for shell eggs, and reinstatement of U. S. procurement grades and weight classes will become effective July 1. Copies of revised grades and standards ready for distribution about July 1.

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## SUGAR

World production of sugar, now estimated at 44.4 million tons, raw value - an all time record, - compared with 42.8 million tons in 1950-51 and the 1945-49 average of 38.6 million tons. Cuban production, principal source of U.S. supplies now indicated at 7.9 million tons for 1951-52, compared with 6,348,000 tons a year earlier, and the previous record output of 6,675,000 tons in 1947-48.

DISTRIBUTION IN U.S. BY PRIMARY DISTRIBUTORS, WEEK ENDED MAY 31, 1952 TOTALED 118,890 TONS, RAW VALUE. DISTRIBUTION SINCE JANUARY 1 AMOUNTS TO 3,164,434 TONS, COMPARED WITH 3,391,723 TONS IN THE SAME 1951 PERIOD.

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## LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

Commercial meat production in U. S. during April totalled 1,664 million lbs., 4% below March, but 6% more than April 1951. Production January through April this year amounted to 7,250 million lbs. - 7% more than in the same 1951 period. Compared with 1951, pork output during January-April, was up 11%, lamb and mutton, 26% and beef, 3%. Veal was down 1%.

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### FOOD SUPPLY

U.S. food production in 1952 may set a record. With military requirements about the same as last year, and exports of food products expected to be lower, civilian per capita consumption may slightly exceed that of 1951, which was 11% above prewar.

Beef, poultry products, canned fruits and processed vegetables will be more plentiful this summer than last. Pork output will be down - supplies of red meats somewhat less this fall. Milk production expected less than in 1951, but sufficient to meet domestic demand for fluid milk, cream, and products.

Supplies of fresh vegetables in summer months ahead, equal to last year.

Stocks of fats and oils and food grains in prospect are more than adequate for the year.

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### FATS AND OILS

New Orleans Commodity Office, PMA, is offering about 8,037,876 lbs. of refined cottonseed oil for sale during June at these prices; domestic use - market price, or 17-3/4¢ per lb., whichever higher, f.o.b. points of storage; export - market price f.o.b. tank cars, points of storage.

OLEOMARGARINE PRODUCTION, JANUARY-APRIL, 1952, TOTALLED 440,094,000 LBS. COMPARED WITH 354,836,000 IN THE SAME 1951 PERIOD. OF 1952 OUTPUT ABOUT 383 MILLION LBS. WAS COLORED, COMPARED WITH 260 MILLION A YEAR EARLIER.

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### DAIRY

Butter production week ended May 29 - 33.2 million lbs.; total this year-- 470.2 million lbs., 3% less than same 1951 period. American cheese production same week -- 25.7 million lbs.; total for year --- 319.2 million lbs., 6% below a year earlier.

Dairy Branch, PMA, is offering for sale at competitive prices under DA-93, about 769,900 lbs. of Extra and Standard grade spray non-fat dry milk solids, stored in midwest warehouses.

Changes in milk pricing, classification, marketing area, and other provisions of the Lima, Ohio federal milk order will be considered at hearing June 23 in the Barr Hotel, Lima.

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### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Load crates of cantaloups on end to reduce breakage in rail shipments. USDA studies in 1950 and '51 show breakage of crates reduced by two-thirds, bruises on fruits reduced by one-half, compared with crates loaded flat. Report available from Office of Information Services, Production and Marketing Administration, USDA, Washington.

Potato prices jumped approximately 50% at principal wholesale markets first day after price ceilings were removed. USDA representatives in producing areas report increasing volume of Long Whites being shipped from California, Reds from Arizona, Round Whites from North Carolina and Virginia.

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### TOBACCO

U.S. cigarette production in year ending June 30 now estimated about 421 billion - 3% higher than 1950-51 and a new record. Consumption in U.S., territories, and by military forces accounts for about 95% of total output. Consumption in 1952-53 will be at record or near record level, BAE's Tobacco Situation states.

Output of smoking tobacco, year ending June 30, estimated at 100 million lbs. - 6% less than 1950-51; chewing tobacco - 86.5 million lbs.; and snuff - 39.5 million lbs., both slightly under a year earlier; cigar consumption - 5,860 million - 2.1% above 1950-51. About 97% of U.S. cigars made in domestic factories.

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Federally inspected meat production, week ended June 7, estimated 300 million lbs. -17% above previous holiday week-10% higher than week year ago when start of price ceilings curtailed marketings.

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June 17, 1952

## COLD STORAGE STOCKS

Occupancy May 31: Cooler, 61%; freezer, 77% - 9 points above average. Frozen fruit stocks below average. Among frozen vegetables, spinach - 11 million lbs. and green peas - 64 million lbs., largest ever reported for date.

Butter stocks, 13 million lbs. under last year and 23 million below average for date. May beef withdrawals twice average but stocks, 203 million lbs. - near record level for May 31. Pork withdrawals, 99 million lbs., largest ever, but total holdings still 2/5 above average and 1/5 greater than year ago.

Cooler	Holdings	Net Change	Freezer	Holdings	Net Change
Commodities	May 31	During May	Commodities	May 31	During May
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.		1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Apples	49,248	- 89,672	Fruits	200,428	+ 6,834
Pears	952	- 3,248	Vegetables	300,402	- 13,306
Dried & ev. fts.	54,431	+ 79	Cream	25,810	+ 17,308
Canned fts. & veg.	3,177	+ 19	Crmy butter	30,500	+ 19,978
Nuts & nutmeats	122,064	+ 3,293	Eggs	145,489	+ 34,304
Cheese	184,457	+ 23,508	Poultry	184,238	- 10,727
Dried eggs	121,043	- 2,117	Beef	194,476	- 35,700
Shell eggs (cases)	3,158	+ 974	Pork	503,023	- 79,560
Beef	8,823	- 1,709	Lamb & mutton	14,556	+ 1,489
Pork	221,701	- 19,457	Veal	10,829	- 813
Sausage	17,437	- 300	Edible offal	66,722	- 3,399
Canned Meats	46,334	- 7,355			
Lard & pork fat	107,105	+ 18,285			

WHEAT SALES UNDER IWA JUNE 4-10, 285,000 BU., INCLUDING 119,233 CWT. FLOUR IN WHEAT EQUIVALENT. ONLY 940,000 BU. OF THE 1951-52 QUOTAS REMAIN. ANNOUNCEMENT COVERING OPENING OF 1952-53 QUOTAS WILL BE MADE JOINTLY WITH CANADA, IN NEAR FUTURE.

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## DAIRY

Purchases of American Cheddar Cheese June 16, for price support amounted to 320,718 lbs.; total acquired this year 647,330 lbs.

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## FOR SALE

Dairy Branch, PMA, is offering for sale to highest bidders, 31 lots of dry skim milk, totalling 1,542,759 lbs. for animal feed. Packed in drums and barrels, stored at Midwest points. Offers to buy considered daily by Dairy Branch, PMA, USDA, Washington, D. C.

Also offered for sale for animal feeding or other non-food uses are 35,655 lbs. dried whole eggs stored in Natural Cooler Storage, Atchison, Kan.

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## LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

Revised estimates of 1951 commercial livestock slaughter and meat production place total meat output last year at 20,219 million lbs. --- 144 million lbs. less than 1950. Beef, 8,549 million pounds; pork, 10,190 million lbs.; veal, 972 million lbs.; lamb and mutton, 508 million lbs. Farm slaughter not included.

Wool handlers in 25 states, thirteen in Midwest, have been approved through June 9 to act as agents for USDA in making loans to producers under the 1952 price support program for shorn wool. Applications for approval as handlers may be made through area PMA Commodity offices.

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## MEAT PRODUCTION

Meat production under federal inspection, week ended June 14, estimated 304 million lbs. - 1% above preceding week, and 11% greater than same week in 1951. Substantial increase over last year due to 30 million lb. increase in beef. Pork output continued below last year for sixth week.

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## FARM EMPLOYMENT

Farm employment week ended May 24, estimated 10,863,000 -- 150,000 below a year earlier. Includes -- family workers, 8,653,000 - down 100,000 in the year, and hired workers -- about 2.2 million, down 50,000. Farmers were finding generally adequate help in May.

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## 1952 CROPS

Based on June 1 conditions -- Winter wheat crop forecast 1,060 million bu. --a record; spring wheat - 266 million bu. - slightly below average - to bring all wheat production this year to 1,326 million bu., one-third larger than 1951, and second only to 1947 record crop of 1,359 million bu.

Rye -- 16,974,000 bu.--smallest crop since 1934, compares with 21,410,000 bu. harvested last year.

Corn prospects June 1, generally favorable, with 95% of acreage planted. Cool weather in corn belt slowed progress in May but almost ideal corn weather since June 1 has stimulated growth.

Apples -- prospects in commercial areas point to about average crop. Peaches -- 1952 crop of 69.4 million bu. indicated -- 9% above 1951 crop and 37% above 1950. Pears -- 30.2 million bu. -- about same as last year and slightly more than 1950.

Sweet cherries -- 106,030 tons -- compared with 71,790 last year. Sour cherries -- 152,030 tons, compared with record 1951 crop of 158,240 tons. Oranges --117.9 thousand boxes -- 19% above average. Grapefruit -- 40.4 million boxes -- 13% below last year and 21% less than average. Lemons -- 12.8 million boxes -- slightly below average.

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POTATO SHORTAGE IS OVER. SHIPMENTS FROM PRODUCING AREAS . . . . .  
AVERAGED OVER 1,000 CARS DAILY PAST 10 DAYS AND STEADY  
VOLUME REACHING MIDWEST MARKETS. PRICES CONTINUE DECLINE,  
BARELY OVER FORMER CHICAGO CEILINGS MONDAY (AROUND \$6 PER  
CWT.) AND TRENDING DOWNWARD.

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## POULTRY

Farm flocks produced 5,983,000,000 eggs in May -- 2% more than May 1951, and about same as 10 year average. Flocks totalled 326,213,000 layers -- 2% above May last year. Chicks and young chickens from 1952 hatchings on farms June 1 -- 488,794,000, were 7% less than year ago and 14% below average. Total egg output Jan.-May, 1952 -- 29.8 billion, compares with 28.3 billion in same 1951 period and 27.4 billion ten year (1941-50) average for period.

USDA bought 18,060 cases of shell eggs June 12 under surplus removal program. Total acquisitions under program - 118,482 cases. Eggs will be distributed to school lunch and other eligible outlets.

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## FRUITS

Production of frozen concentrated orange juice first 4 weeks of April totalled 9.1 million gallons -- highest rate of output for 4 weeks ever recorded.

Household purchases totalled 3,350,000 gallons, same as two preceding months, but 77% above April 1951. Average price -- 16.5¢ for 6 oz. can. Purchases of oranges, and processed products in month were equivalent of 7,041,000 boxes.

Purchases of grapefruit and products in April were equivalent of 3,100,000 boxes. Lemons -- fresh and products, 349,000 boxes.

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U. S. EXPORTS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS DURING APRIL VALUED  
AT \$292,601,000, DOWN MORE THAN \$127 MILLION FROM APRIL,  
1951. APRIL IMPORTS VALUED AT \$408,334,000 -- \$71 MILLION  
BELOW APRIL YEAR AGO. IMPORTS MOSTLY PRODUCTS NOT PRODUCED  
IN U. S. -- e.g. COFFEE, COPRA, SPICES, SUGAR, ETC.

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## SUGAR

Charges against 1952 quotas of various producing areas supplying U.S. market, during January-May period, amounted to 3,333,315 tons, raw value, compared with 3,434,129 tons in same 1951 period. Total quotas for year -- 7,700,000 tons.

Distribution in Continental U.S. by primary distributors, January 1 through June 7, estimated at 3,326,605 tons - 3,531,961 tons in same period last year.

U.S. production of cane and beet sugar from 1951 crops totalled 1,970,000 tons, raw value, compared with 2,576,000 tons from 1950 crops. Of 1951 total, 1,552,000 tons was beet sugar, balance, cane.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

June 24, 1952

## GRAIN

There will be no acreage allotments and no marketing quotas on 1953 crop wheat, although indicated supplies for 1953-54 marketing year are larger than quantity normally requiring proclamation of marketing quotas under current legislation. Secretary Brannan stated action based on national emergency and need to maintain reserve supplies of wheat sufficiently large to meet "unpredictable situations" which may arise.

U. S. grain exports during the 11 months - July 1951-May 1952, totaled 618 million bu.-- for same 1950-51 period, 550 million bu. May exports were equivalent of 54,245,000 bu., of which 37,655,000 were wheat or wheat products.

The 11 month total includes: 438,049,000 bu. equivalent of wheat, flour and macaroni -- compared with 322,263,000 in same 1950-51 period; corn, 73,235,000 bu.; grain sorghums, 67,264,000 bu.; barley, 25,296,000 bu.; rye, 4,311,000 bu.; and oats, 1,811,000 bu.

OF 1951-52 GRAIN EXPORTS, 51% OF ALL GRAINS AND PRODUCTS WENT TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES; 31% TO FAR EAST, CHIEFLY INDIA AND JAPAN: 10% TO CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN AND CUBA: 4% TO NEAR EAST, MOSTLY EGYPT: 4% TO OTHER COUNTRIES, WITH CANADA THE PRINCIPAL IMPORTER.

Big grain crops being produced by U. S. farmers this year will be "high cost" crops. If Agriculture is to stay in healthy economic condition, able and willing to respond with more high production in 1953, price support programs must be made fully effective this year, PMA Administrator Gus F. Geissler told Agency Committeemen and employees June 16. With orderly marketing by farmers taking full advantage of existing price support programs, 1952 crops can be absorbed by markets at or above support levels, Geissler stated.

Sales under International Wheat Agreement, period June 11-17, totaled 182,000 bu., including 62,644 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent. Balance of 1951-52 quotas - unfilled - 758,000 bu.

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## POULTRY

USDA has sold for export 4,552,005 lbs. of dried whole eggs, last of stocks remaining from 1950 price support operations. Post war egg prices were supported by Department from January 1, 1946 through 1950 by purchases of dried whole eggs.

Purchase of 54,137 cases shell eggs announced by USDA June 19 under surplus removal program. Total acquisitions under this program, 172,619 cases. Final date for offers -- June 24. Eggs will be distributed to school lunch and other eligible outlets.

Output of chicks by commercial hatcheries during May - 216,343,000 - 20% less than May 1951 -- 4% below 1946-50 May average. Number of chicks produced for broiler production Jan.-May this year was 11% larger than last year, while chicks for flock replacement were 6% less.

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STEWING HENS, LOCALLY GROWN FRESH VEGETABLES, AND PEACHES LEAD PMA'S LIST OF PLENTIFUL FOODS IN MIDWEST DURING JULY. OTHER PLENTIFULS: SWEET CHERRIES, EGGS, TURKEYS, COTTAGE CHEESE, NONFAT DRY MILK, AND BUTTERMILK, CANNED AND FROZEN PEAS, CANNED AND FROZEN CITRUS PRODUCTS, LEMONS AND LIMES, AND FRESH AND FROZEN FISH.

## FRUITS

Sour cherry crop in five Great Lakes states this year estimated June 15 at 136,110 tons - 5% less than 1951. Michigan expects 82,800 tons - 2% less than last year; Wisconsin - 15,540 tons - 7% above 1951; Ohio, 2,370 tons - compared with 2,600 tons last year; New York - 25,600 tons - down 15%; and Pennsylvania - 9,800 tons - 18% less than 1951.

USDA has extended until Nov. 1 the time for submitting views and comments on proposed revision of U. S. standards for grades of canned sweet cherries.

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Meat production under federal inspection week ended June 21 estimated at 306 million lbs. - slightly above previous week but 13% more than same week a year ago. Slaughter of all species above last year; cattle, 30%; calves, 17%; hogs, 4%; sheep and lambs, 22%; but pork production was same as year ago due to lighter average weight of hogs. Meat supplies in most areas in excess of current demand.



#### DAIRY

USDA last week approved a federal milk order for the Sioux Falls-Mitchell, S. D. area, recommended a federal milk order for the Muskegon, Mich. area, and took following actions affecting Midwest milk orders:

Approved changes increasing price differentials for Class I and II milk and revision of the automatic price adjustment formula in the Chicago and Milwaukee orders; increased price differentials for Class I milk in the Rockford-Freeport, Ill. order; approved upward price changes in certain provisions of Detroit order.

Cheese imports, subject to DPA controls since August 9, 1951, totaled 36.6 million lbs. from August 1, 1951 through April 30, 1952 - 29% less than same 1950-51 period. Imports represent 90% of total authorized for import through June 30, 1952.

USDA is asking for offers of nonfat dry milk solids packed in 2 and 4-1/2 lb. containers and also requests offers to repackage 12 million lbs. of USDA-owned stocks. Milk will be distributed to school lunch and other eligible outlets. Announcement Da-94 covers details.

Department also offers for sale about 878,280 lbs. Extra and Standard grade spray nonfat dry milk solids, in 18 lots, mostly located in Midwest storage, under Da-93. For details of this and Da-94, contact Dairy Branch, PMA, USDA, Washington, D. C.

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U.S. FARMERS CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS IN FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1952 TENTATIVELY ESTIMATED AT \$13.3 BILLION -- UP 4% FROM SAME 1951 PERIOD. ABOUT 7% MORE FARM PRODUCTS WERE SOLD THIS YEAR BUT AT PRICES AVERAGING LOWER. AT SAME TIME PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR PRODUCTION ITEMS AVERAGED 4% HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR.

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#### LIVESTOCK

The 1952 spring pig crop totaled 56,607,000 head - down 9% from last spring, BAE reports. Breeding intentions for coming fall crop indicate 5,566,000 sows to farrow - 9% below number farrowing last fall. Combined 1952 spring and fall pig crops now expected about 93 million head - 9% below 1951, but 1% above 1941-50 average.

USDA has approved 41 wool handlers, including 23 state association members of the National Wool Marketing Corporation, to act as agents of Department in making loans to producers under 1952 shorn wool price support program. Fifteen are located in Midwest states.

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#### FATS AND OILS

New Orleans PMA Commodity office sold 1,493,810 lbs. peanuts for oil crushing in week ended June 18. Acquired from price support operations.

Production of primary edible fats and oils (butter, lard, vegetable oils), which was at record level first half of marketing year (Oct. 1951-March 1952), is expected to drop below levels of year earlier this summer. Soybean oil and lard probably will account for most of decline. Butter output also may decline slightly, BAE reports.

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DEFICIT OF 200,000 TONS IN THE 1952 PHILLIPINE SUGAR QUOTA HAS BEEN PRORATED BY USDA - 190,000 TONS TO CUBA AND 10,000 TONS TO "OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES."

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#### DAIRY PRICE SUPPORT

USDA bought 89,101  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. American Cheese June 20 under 1952 dairy price support program. Cumulative purchases through last week, 736,431  $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs.

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